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L'expressivité figurative des *Catilinaires* – quelques illustrations –

Abstract: The following text aims to reveal to its reader Cicero's abilities to give an extraordinary expression to the ideas which he asserts in his famous speeches called *Catilinarian Orations*. The examples which we employ draw the shape of an image regarding the special impact which some of the most well-known rhetorical figures present in the mentioned ciceronian texts have upon the receiver: rhetorical interrogation, antithesis, oxymoron, repetition, gradation, metonymy or metaphor. The examples strongly emphasize the idea of harmony between the content of the speech and its form of expression, so dear to Cicero and to an entire rhetorical tradition which comes from the Greek sages.

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